

Department of Health and Human Services · Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Agency (SAPTA)

STATEWIDE EPIDEMIOLOGY WORKGROUP (SEW)
MINUTES

DATE: December 21, 2016
TIME: 9:00 a.m.
LOCATION: Div. of Public and Behavioral Health
4150 Technology Way, Third Floor
Hearing Room 303
Carson City, Nevada 89706

Video-Conference
Southern Nevada Adult Mental Health Services
6161 W. Charleston Blvd.
Building 1, West Hall Conference Room
Las Vegas, Nevada 89146

Tele-Conference Call-In: (775) 887-5619
Conference Number: 2000#
PIN: 1221#

SEW Committee Members Present

Gwen Taylor
Ihsan Azzam
Jennifer DeLett-Synder
Julia Peck - Chair
Marco Erickson
Paul Parker
Stephanie Pyle
Sue Meuschke
Yenh Long

ACCEPT
Epidemiologist, DPBH
Join Together Northern Nevada
DPBH - Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology
Nevada Department of Education
Clark County Coroner's Office
CASAT, UNR
Nevada Network Against Domestic Violence
Board of Pharmacy

SEW Committee Members Absent

Brad Towle
Eric Ohlson
Ingrid Mburia
Pauline Salla
Richard Egan
Wei Yang
William Gazza

NSHD - Health Statistics, Planning, Epidemiology, & Response
Washoe County School District
DPBH - Maternal Child Health Services
DCFS - Juvenile Justice Programs Office
Office of Suicide Prevention
Nevada Center for Health Statistics and Informatics, UNR
Clark County Coroner's Office

Others Present

Andrea Rivers
Cheryl Bricker
Damaris Richardson
Denna Atkinson
James Kuzhippala
Jamie Ross
Jessica Flood
Kathryn Barker
Lea Cartwright
Melanie Flores
Patrick Bozarth
Trey Delap
Victoria LeGarde
Ying Zhang

Division of Public and Behavioral Health
Partnership of Community Resources
Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration
Foundation for Recovery
Division of Public and Behavioral Health
PACT Coalition
Carson Tahoe Behavioral Health Services
Southern Nevada Health District
Nevada Psychology Association
Washoe County Health District
Community Counseling Center of Southern Nevada
Group Six Partners, LLC
CASAT, UNR
Southern Nevada Health District

SAPTA Staff Present


Bill Kirby
J'Amie Frederick
Meg Matta
Martie Washington
Natalie Presta
Vanessa Pickles

Health Program Specialist
Health/Human Services Professional Trainee
Health Program Specialist
Health Program Manager II
Business Process Analyst II
Administrative Assistant

1.	Welcome and Introductions Julia Peek called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m. A quorum for the SEW was established at 9:16 a.m.
2.	Public Comment There were no public comments.
3.	Approval of July 29, 2016 Meeting Minutes Paul Parker motioned to approve the minutes, Gwen Taylor seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.
4.	SAMHSA [Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration] Presentation on SEW's Role Damaris Richardson's presentation is attached to these minutes under exhibit "A."
5.	Presentation on Research Needs for PFS [Partnerships for Success] Continuation Application Martie Washington said SAPTA has the PFS Grant, and they are heading into the final year of a 5-year-long project. She said the main goal is to spend the allotted dollars in such a way to have the most impact on prescription drug misuse and abuse in the state of Nevada. She continued stating there is a big issue with opioid addictions in the state, and the majority of opioid addiction begins with prescription misuse. Ms. Washington stated she met with the Nevada OPHIE [Office of Public Health Informatics and Epidemiology] team, and they have gathered extensive data and have identified "hotspots" in Nevada to help determine where the funding should be concentrated within the state. Ms. Washington said that for the last 4 years the main focus has been on an awareness campaign, disposal issues, and working to make sure that everyone is aware of the PDMP [Prescription Drug Monitoring Program]. She stated there also has been some education given to prescribers to make sure they understand the issue. These actions, along with the passing of Senate Bill 459, are all examples of work that has been done to address the opioid issue. However, Ms. Washington stated there is still work to be done. Ms. Washington mentioned there are 3 groups working hard in Nevada over the last few years. Those groups include this group (SEW), the Multidisciplinary Prevention Advisory Committee (MPAC), and the Evidence-Based Practice Workgroup (EBW). Ms. Washington stated these 3 groups need to be working together. She said the SEW gathers the data, the MPAC takes the information from the SEW and identifies what the data shows, and the EBW looks at what practices have evidence behind them. Ms. Washington recommended members from MPAC attend SEW meetings, and she also recommended updates on MPAC and EBW be placed as a standing agenda item on future agendas.
6.	Update on Statewide Epi Profile Ms. Peek led the Workgroup through the table of contents to receive feedback on what information might be missing that would be useful to include. She stated a suggestion was made to include nation-wide data comparisons which would be added. The Workgroup had no other suggestions for additions. Ms. Peek stated that with no further suggestions, the


	<p>draft was ready for review. She added there may be merit in creating a subgroup to review the draft.</p> <p>Jennifer DeLett-Snyder motioned to create a subgroup to review the Epi Profile, Paul Parker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.</p> <p>Jennifer DeLett-Snyder, Marco Erickson, Ying Zang, Paul Parker, Natalie Presta, Jessica Flood, Denna Atkinson, Kathryn Barker and Lea Cartwright volunteered to be on the subgroup.</p>
7.	<p>Nominate and Appoint Chair and Co-Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • James Kuzhippala <p>Marco Erickson motioned to nominate and appoint James Kuzhippala, Ihsan Azzam seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.</p>
8.	<p>Nominate and Appoint New Members</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jim Jobin • Trey Delap <p>Ihsan Azzam motioned to appoint Jim Jobin and Trey Delap to the Workgroup, Paul Parker seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.</p>
9.	<p>Discussion and Approval of Agenda Items for Next Meeting</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MPAC/EBW Updates 2. Review and Approval of Final Draft of Statewide Epi Profile 3. Nominate and Appoint New Member – Kathryn Barker 4. Review TA Request – Strategic Planning Session with Damaris Richardson 5. Review Strategic Planning Session with SEI [Social Entrepreneurs Inc.] for Bureau of Behavioral Health Wellness and Prevention (BHWP) <p>Paul Parker motioned to approve the agenda items, Stephanie Pyle seconded, and the motion passed unanimously.</p>
10.	<p>Public Comment</p> <p>Lea Cartwright said NPA [Nevada Psychology Association] and a few other healthcare organizations will be meeting to discuss how to use social media to raise awareness and promote healthcare-related topics on January 5th from 11:30 a.m. till 1:00 p.m. at 5400 Mill Street in Reno, Nevada.</p>
11.	<p>Adjournment</p> <p>Stephanie Pyle moved to adjourn the meeting, Marco Erickson seconded, and the meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.</p>

Exhibit "A"



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SPF PFS SEOW
Expectations

Damaris Richardson
State Project Officer
SAMHSA

SPF PFS Goals

- Prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance misuse, including underage drinking and prescription drug misuse and abuse
- Reduce substance abuse-related problems in communities
- Build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State- and community- levels

"SAMHSA envisions the SPF PFSs being implemented through working partnerships between States and communities"

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Key Principles of the SPF PFS

- Public Health Approach
- Outcomes Based Prevention
- Follows a Strategic Planning Process – SPF
- Use Data throughout the process to inform decisions

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SPF PFS Required Workgroups

- Statewide Advisory Group Prevention Advisory Committee –(PAC)
- Statewide Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW)
- Statewide Evidence-Based Workgroup (EBW)



SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework Steps



State Epidemiological Workgroups

- States are required to establish and manage (or work with an existing) State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW)
 - Term & Condition requires State grantees to confirm that the State will expend a minimum of \$150,000 each year from grant or other funds for SEW activities
 - RFA requires that the SEW function for the duration of the funding

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State Epidemiological Workgroups Purpose

- Bring systematic, analytical thinking to the causes and consequences of the use of substances in order to effectively and efficiently utilize prevention resources
- Promote data-driven decision making at all stages in the Strategic Prevention Framework
- Promote cross systems planning, implementation, and monitoring efforts
- Provide core support to the SPF Advisory Council

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Expectations of the Epidemiological (Epi) Workgroup

- Brings systematic, analytical thinking for understanding the causes and consequences of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs and the strategies and prevention resources to address them
- Support the development of systems to monitor substance abuse and related consequences and use such data to drive effective and efficient use of prevention services.

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Epidemiological Profile

- **Epidemiological profile document-**
 - Summarizes the nature, magnitude, and distribution of substance use and related consequences for the State
 - Organizes the data in a manner that facilitates data interpretation and, ultimately, their application
- Data driven decision-making process for substance abuse prevention according to grantees' health-related patterns of substance use consumption and consequences



Epidemiological Profile

- **Consumption:** the use and high-risk use of alcohol, tobacco, and illicit drugs.
 - Patterns of use of these drugs
 - Initiation of use
 - Regular or typical use
 - High-risk use
- **Consequences:** adverse social, health, and safety consequences associated with alcohol, tobacco, or illicit drug use.
 - Mortality and morbidity
 - Legal consequences
 - Other undesired events for which alcohol, tobacco, and/or illicit drugs are clearly and consistently involved.
- **Note:** Scientific evidence must support a link to these drugs as a contributing factor to the consequence.

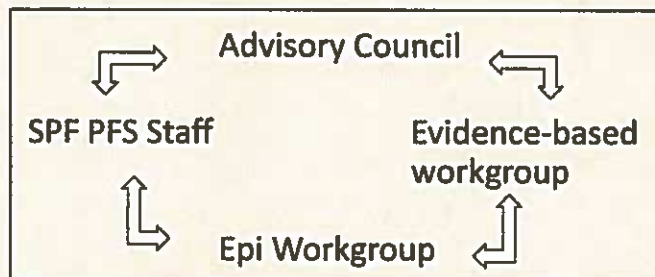
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SPF PFS SEOW Priorities

- The SPF PFS staff must ensure active participation and consultation among:



- **Note:** Participation and consultation concern to the 5 year grant and every decision made along the 5 step process while the duration of the grant.



Data Capacity Building

- Data Capacity Building includes:
 - Clarifying the role of the Epidemiological Workgroup throughout the remaining of the grant, which may include the following:
 - Discover and determine ways to fill gaps in data
 - Identify additional priorities
 - Consistently update and revise the EPI Profile
 - Work with subrecipient/communities to determine/identify intervening variables.
 - Develop a data depository.
 - Monitor consequence and consumption patterns over time.

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SEW Key Principles

- Emphasis on outcomes-based prevention
- Adoption of a public health approach to preventing and reducing substance use and related problems
- Use of epidemiological data as a primary foundation for all planning and decision-making



State Epidemiological Workgroup (SEW)¹

- **Structure:** agencies, organizations, and individuals with expertise about alcohol, drugs, tobacco, and other drug data and prevention issues
- **Purpose:** to use epidemiological data to guide and enhance prevention practice
- **Function:** conduct systematic reviews and analyses of data on the causes and consequences of substance use to aid in decision-making



Nevada PFS Goals

1. Primary prevention as a focus, build emotional health, prevent or delay onset of, and mitigate symptoms and complications from substance misuse and mental illness.
2. Reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 12 to 25.
3. Reduce prescription drug misuse and abuse among persons aged 26 and older.



SPF Steps and Statewide Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) Tasks

SPF Step	SEOW Task	SEOW Products
1. Assessing Needs	Identify key data sources; collect and analyze data to identify needs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State epidemiological profile Community epidemiological profile
2. Building Capacity	Bring data gatekeepers together to share data; train communities to understand and use data	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> SEOW charter Community data trainings
3. Planning	Identify priorities and inform policy makers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Factsheets for decision makers Dissemination plan
4. Implementation	Allocate resources based on priorities; ensure understanding and application of SPF's data-guided process in communities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> State prevention plan Community SPF/data trainings
5. Monitoring/Evaluation	Build community-level monitoring system by monitoring trends, creating networks, and enhancing capacity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Data/Monitoring system



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